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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OCLR, UK, US

SUBJECT:PROPOSED CIVIL AIRCRAFT USE OF US LANDING FACILITIES

REF: (A) LONDON 11651 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: DAO CANBERRA HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR A CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT TO LAND AND REFUEL AT ASCENSION ON 27 FEBRUARY. DOD PLANS TO REFUSE USG PERMISSION FOR REASONS SET FORTH BELOW. IN VIEW OF PROVISIONS ON USE OF ASCENSION WHICH PROHIBITS COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT FROM UTILIZING

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AIRFIELD WITHOUT US-UK AGREEMENT, REQUEST EMBASSY LONDON OBTAIN FCO COORDINATION ON TURNDOWN. END SUMMARY.

2. A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO LAND AND REFUEL AT ASCENSION AUXILIARY AIRFIELD HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY USDAO CANBERRA. ASSOCIATED AIRLINES LIMITED, A SUBSIDIARY OF BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY AND CONZINC RIOTINTO OF AUSTRALIA (CRA), IS PROPOSING TO OPERATE A PRIVATE FLIGHT TO THE US IN THEIR GULFSTREAM 2 AIRCRAFT. THIS FLIGHT IS TO ORIGINATE FROM WINDHOEK, SOUTH WEST AFRICA WITH PROPOSED ITINERARY ASCENSION ISLANDS, RECIFE, BRAZIL, BARBADOES AND SAVANNAH. THE PURPOSE OF THE FLIGHT IS TO PICK UP/INSTALL RECENTLY OVERHAULED ENGINES AT MILLVILLE, NEW JERSEY.

3. THE ORIGINAL ITINERARY PLANNED TO PROCEED VIA BRAZZAVILLE, DAKAR, CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, BARBARDOS AND SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. HOWEVER, ASSOCIATED AIRLINES REPORTS THAT ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING IN AFRICA CANNOT BE GUARANTEED DUE TO THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. THEREFORE, ASSOCIATED IS PROPOSING USE OF ASCENSION FOR REFUELING AND OTHER SERVICES, IF NECESSARY, ON 27 FEBRUARY. THE COMPANY PLANS TO RETURN AIRCRAFT VIA A PACIFIC ROUTE. THEY EXPLAINED HIGH PENALTY COSTS WOULD BE EXPERIENCED IF THE ENGINES COULD NOT BE PICKED UP/INSTALLED ON TIME AND URGENTLY REQUESTED DEFENSE ATTACHE DETERMINE WHAT COULD BE DONE.

4. DEPARTMENT AND DOD PLAN TO REFUSE PERMISSION TO USE ASCENSION BECAUSE (A) WERE WE TO OPEN ASCENSION TO SELECTIVE USE BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT WE COULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO CIVIL AIRCRAFT OF ALL COUNTRIES WHO ARE PARTIES TO 1944 CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION (CHICAGO CONVENTION) AND (B) SENSITIVITIES OF THE ORIGIN OF THE FLIGHT (SOUTH WEST AFRICA) AND CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CHARGES OF US COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN THE ANGOLAN SITUATION. THE DAO CANBERRA WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE ROUTING THROUGH EAST AFRICA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LONDON COORDINATING ABOVE POSITION WITH FCO EARLIEST. INGERSOLL  
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